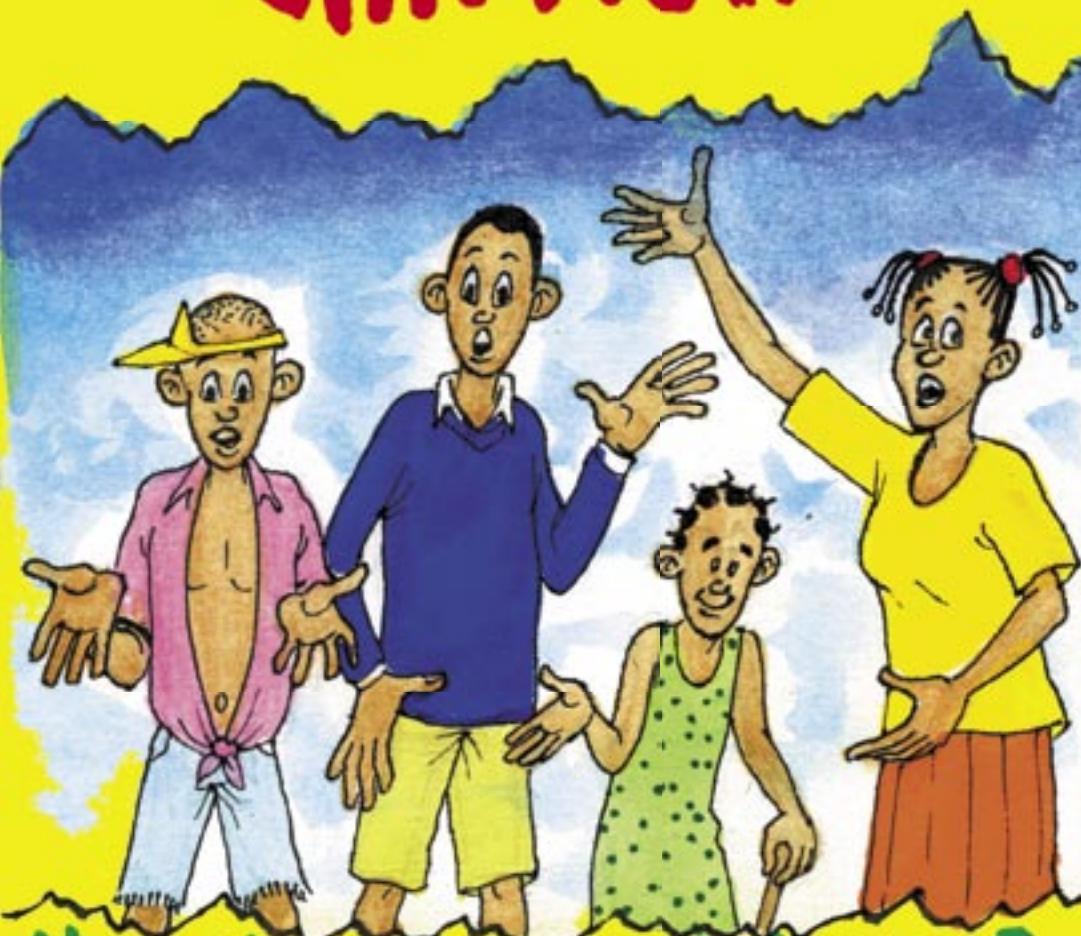


# Violence Against Children



Has it happened to you?

# What is Violence Against Children?

Violence is the bad way in which people treat children such as...



# Does it happen to children like us?



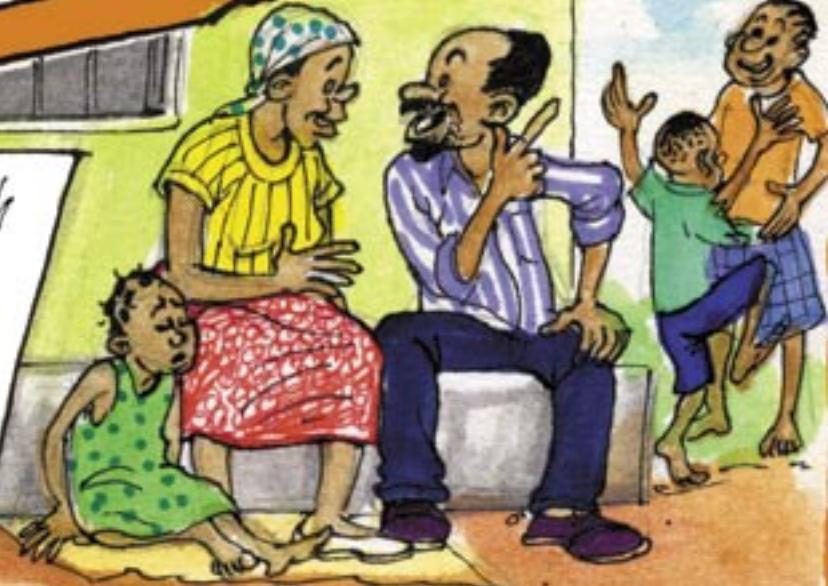
Let us tell you our stories...

# Sabina's story

"My father died when I was two years old."



"I lived with my mother, stepfather, stepmother and sister."



"Older children teased me about my disability."



"My stepfather would get drunk and abuse me and often refuse to let me eat with the family."



"Sometimes he beat me badly.  
My mother couldn't do much  
to protect me."



I felt like no  
one loved me. I  
felt like giving up.

Sorry! Violence  
happened to me too!



# Juma's story

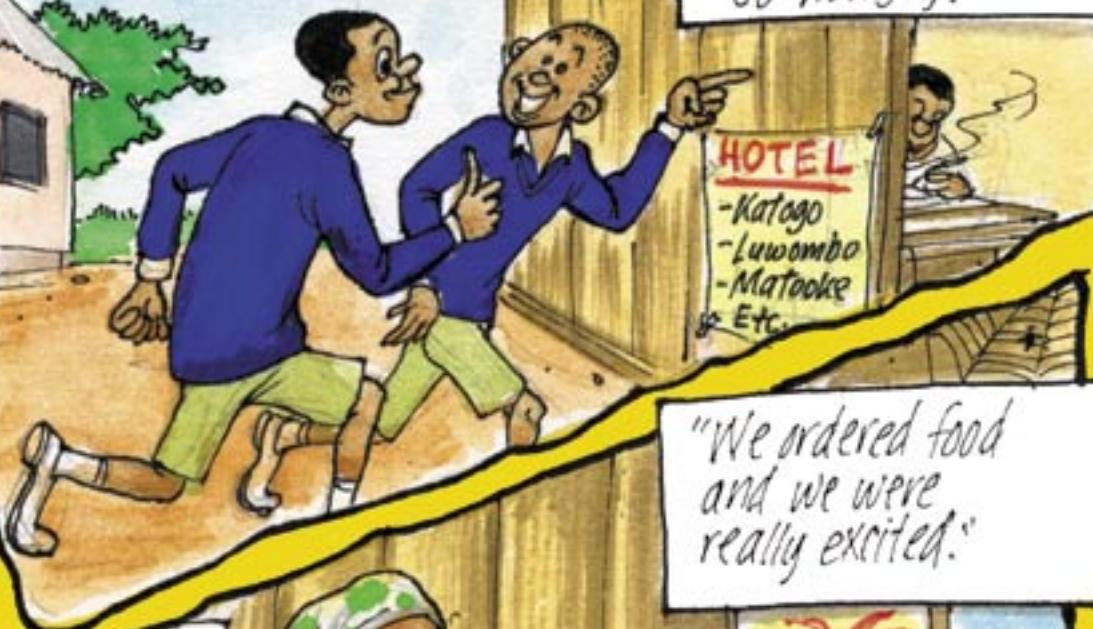
"I am at a boarding school. Some of the teachers really treat us badly here..."



"Nurses don't give us medicine and food is bad too."

"One day my friend had some money so we decided to go to a hotel nearby."

"We didn't ask for permission to go out. We were so hungry!"



"We ordered food and we were really excited."



"But before the food arrived,  
the headmaster walked in."

Special  
**OFFER!**  
- water  
- salt  
- seats  
**FREE!**



"He exploded  
with anger  
when he  
saw us."

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"He made us kneel in front of everyone and beat us in the hotel."



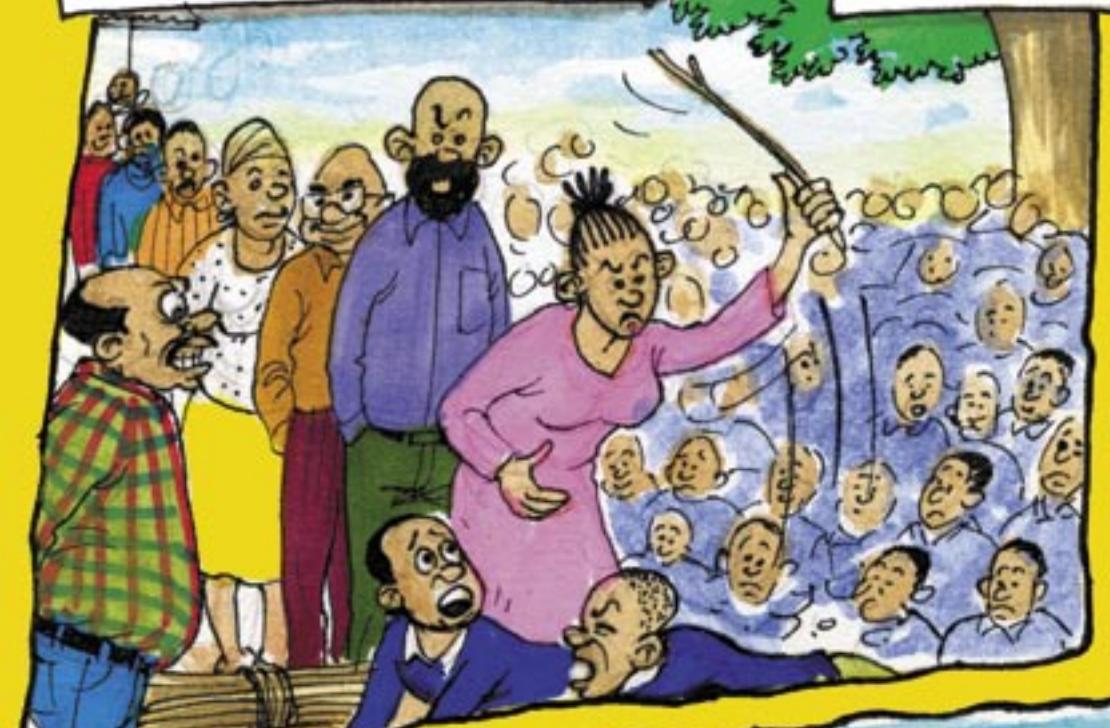
"Then he made us hold our ears and hop all the way to school."

Tomorrow I will teach you a lesson!



"Next day he asked every teacher to beat us 3 strokes each in assembly."

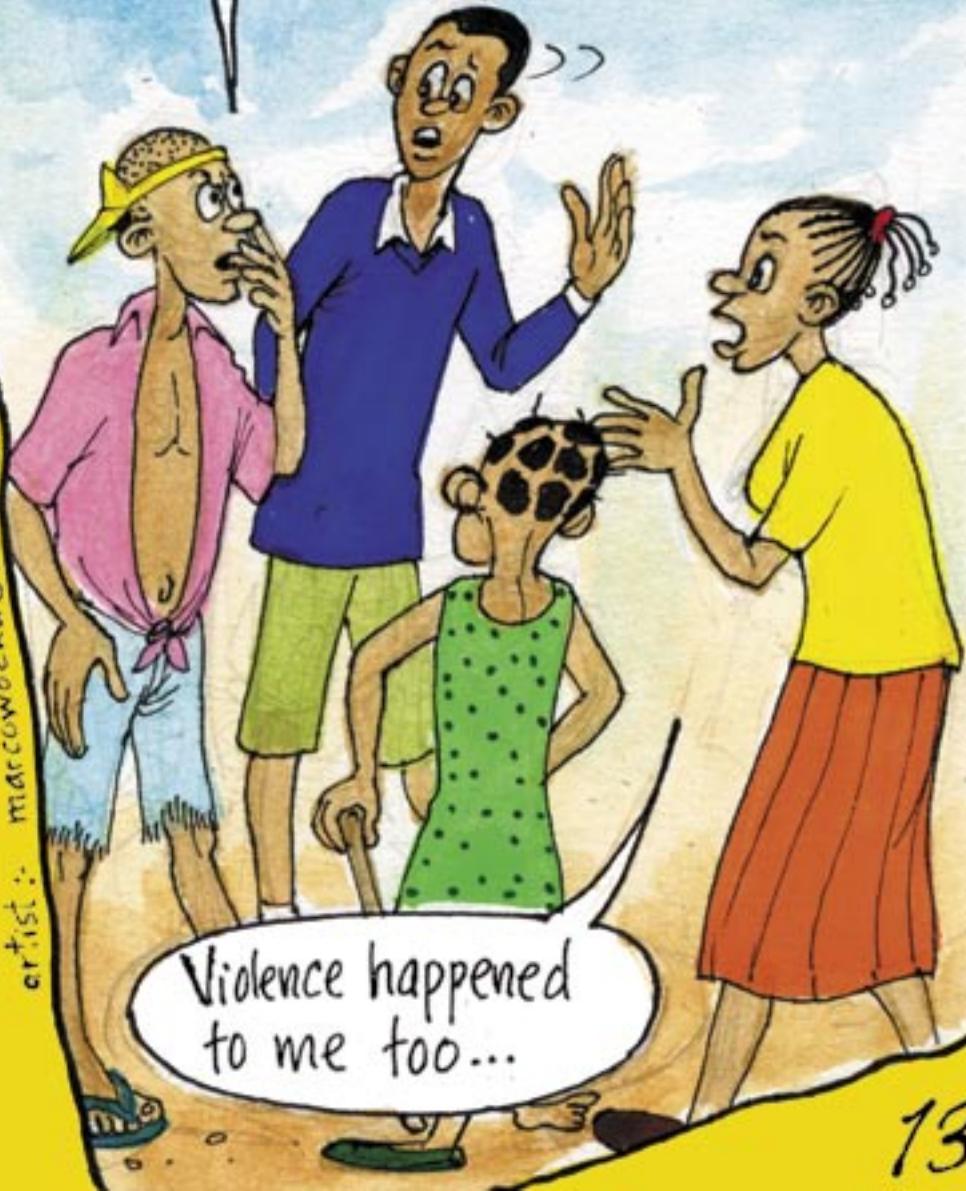
"There were more than 20 teachers!"



This is what happens to students who don't obey our rules!

Sorry!  
That is terrible violence!

Violence happened  
to me too...





# Amina's story

"On my way to school some men touch me or tease me about sex."



"One day at school the teacher tried to force me to have sex..."



"But I escaped!"



"I tried to tell the headmaster but..."

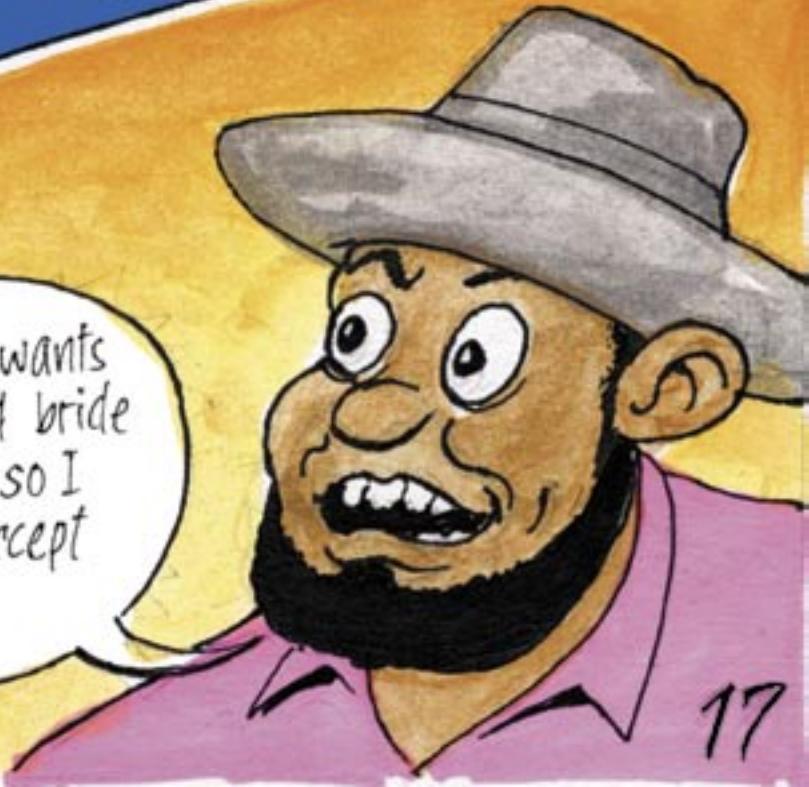
You are trying  
to get the teacher  
in trouble.



"My father got angry and said it was waste of time sending me to school..."

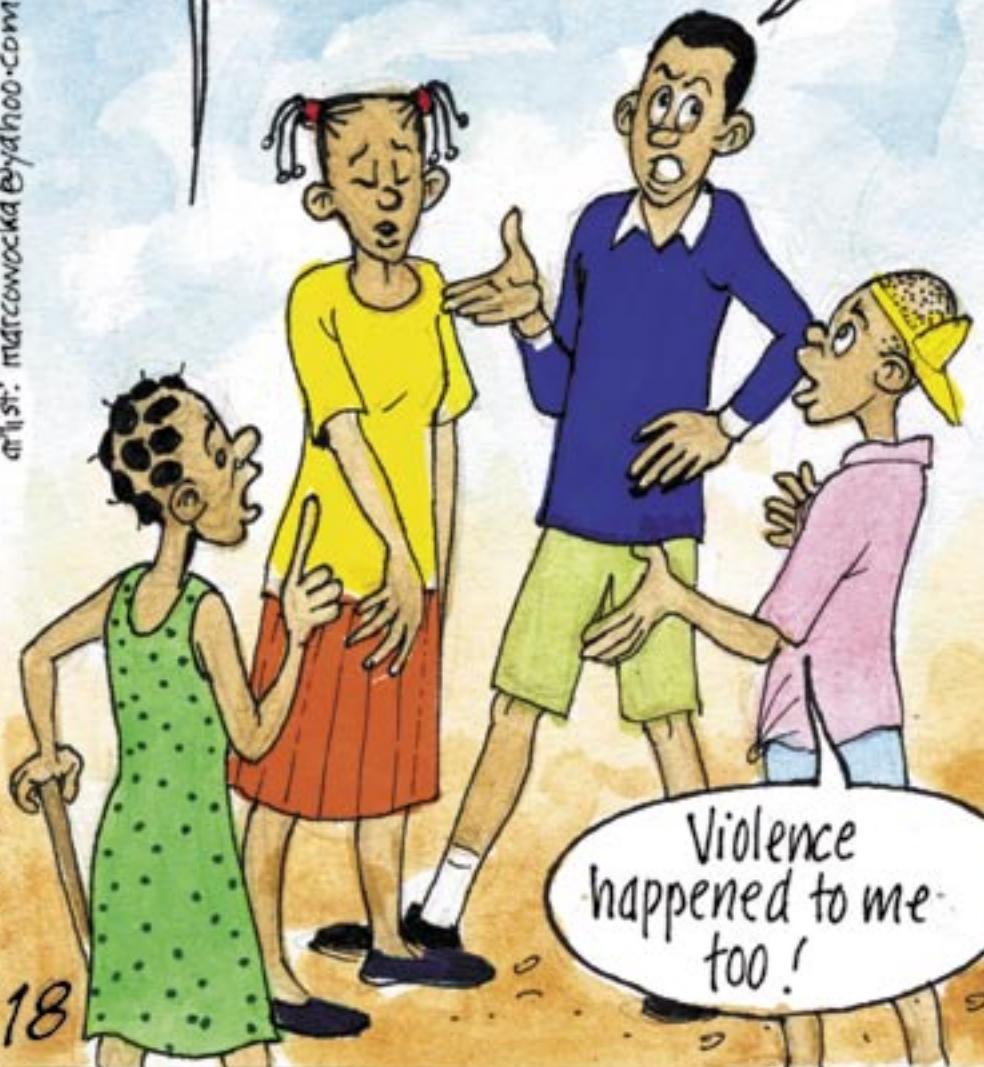


Someone wants  
to pay a good bride  
price for you so I  
will just accept  
it!



That's not fair!

Children should  
be protected, not  
treated like  
this!



# James' story



"When my parents died I had to live with my uncle."



"He took over all the property of the family."



"One day he told me  
to graze the goats."



"...and I  
lost one."

"I searched  
everywhere  
but couldn't  
find it."



"When I came home  
and told him, he  
beat me badly."



"He tied and locked  
me up for two days  
without food."



I will not pay  
your school fees  
any more!

# How do children feel when violence



I feel like my heart is paining.



I feel like revenging.



I feel so bad but have no options.

I regret that I was born.



How do

What is committed against them?

I feel too much anger.



I feel it's not fair and get so angry. Sometimes I feel like taking poison.



I don't know what to do.



I feel embarrassed that my friends are going to laugh at me.



you feel?

It feels bad when violence is committed against us. But we did not give up!



Do you want to know what we did?

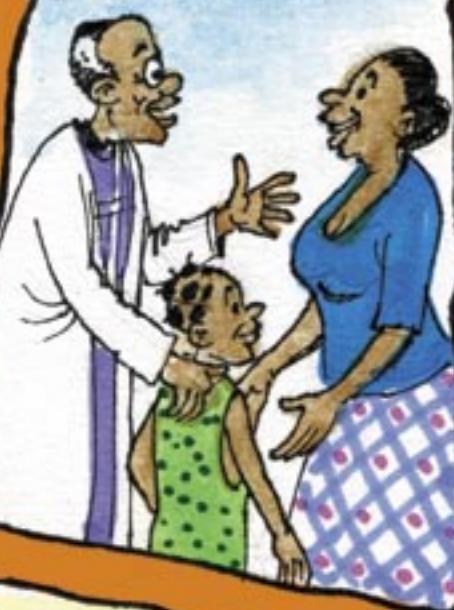
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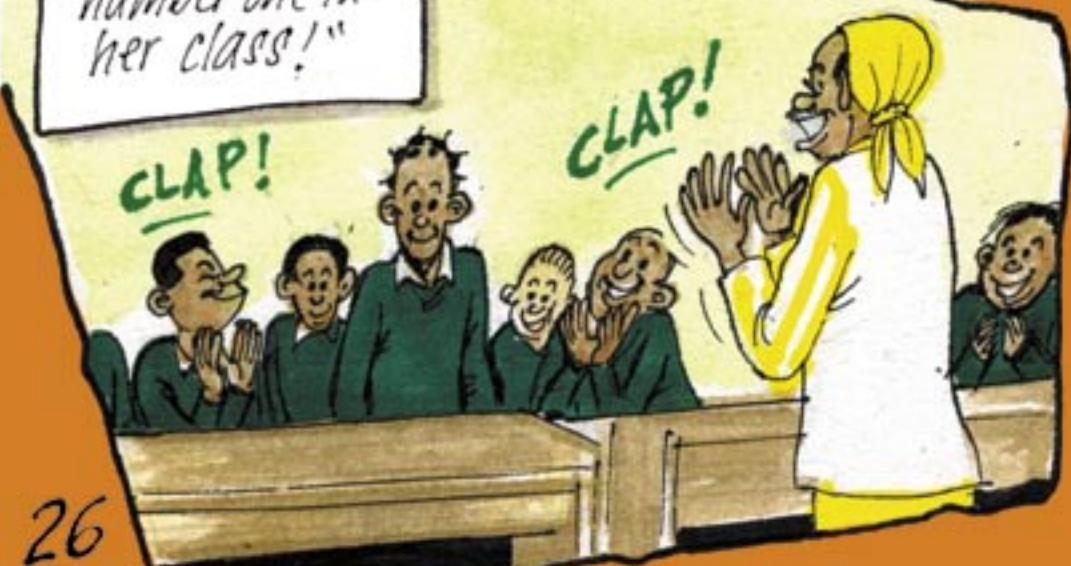
"She went to a priest  
who counselled her."



"He found her  
older sister who  
took care of  
her."



"She finished  
number one in  
her class!"



# What Juma did...

"He told his story to his friends. Together they formed a group that talked about violence in their school."



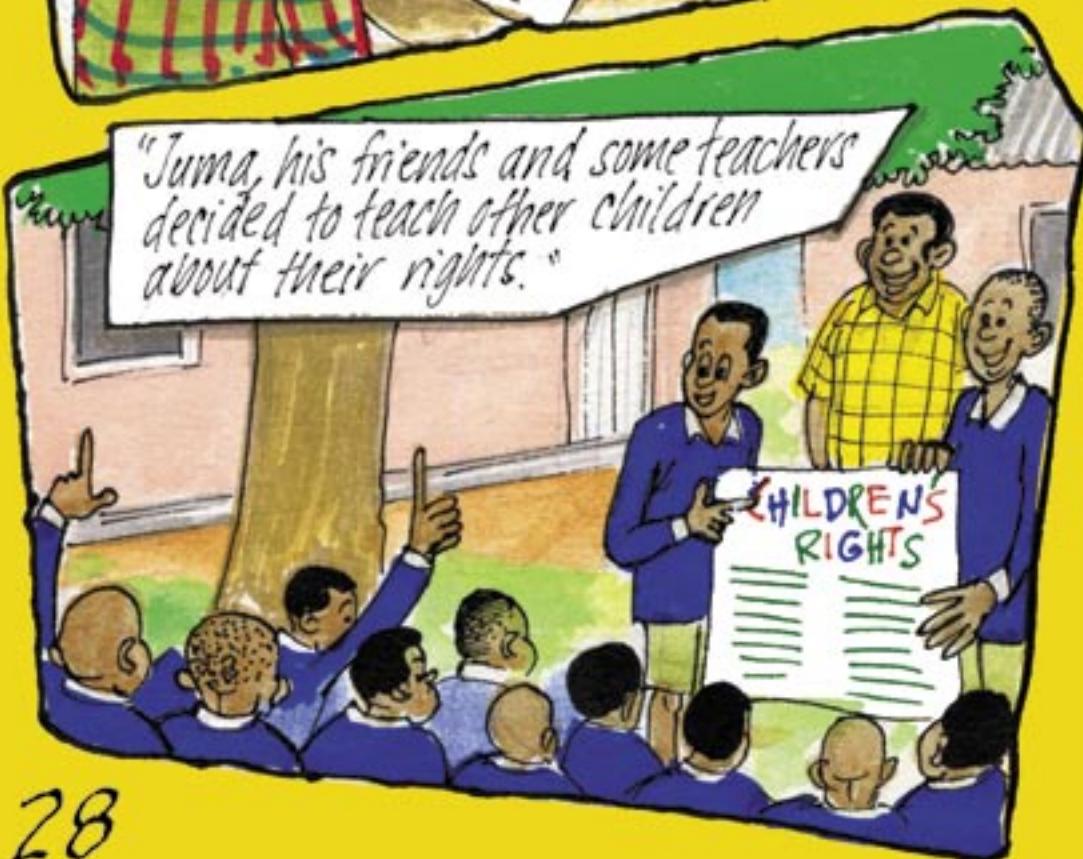
"They also talked to the Probation Officer and few teachers."



"The Probation Officer talked with the headmaster and warned him about the law."



"Juma, his friends and some teachers decided to teach other children about their rights."



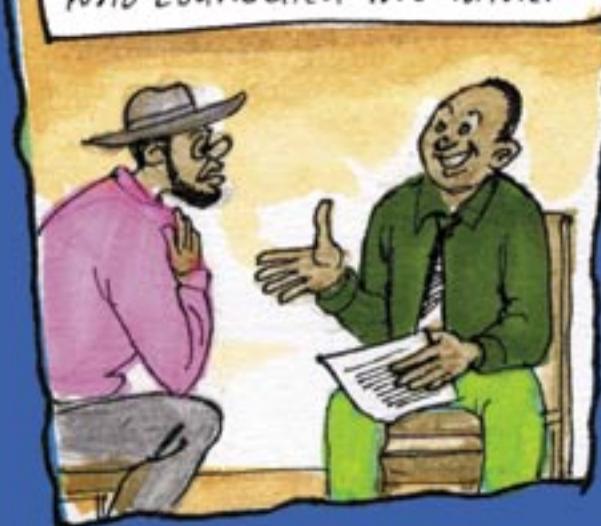
# What Amina did...

"She refused to marry and ran away.  
She stayed with her aunt until things  
cooled down a bit."



"Then she and her aunt  
went and talked to the LC  
who counselled the father."

"He agreed to  
pay her fees."



"The secretary for children's affairs also spoke out about the teacher."



"Other girls also spoke out about the teacher and how he was also harrassing them."

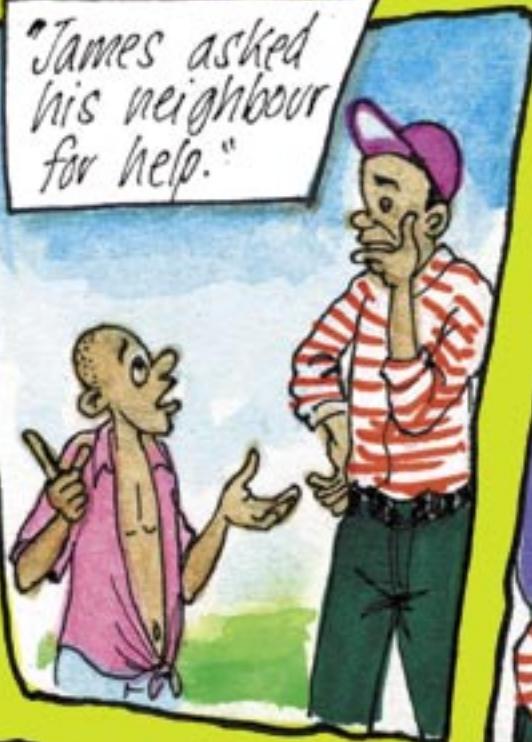


"The teacher was dismissed from school!"

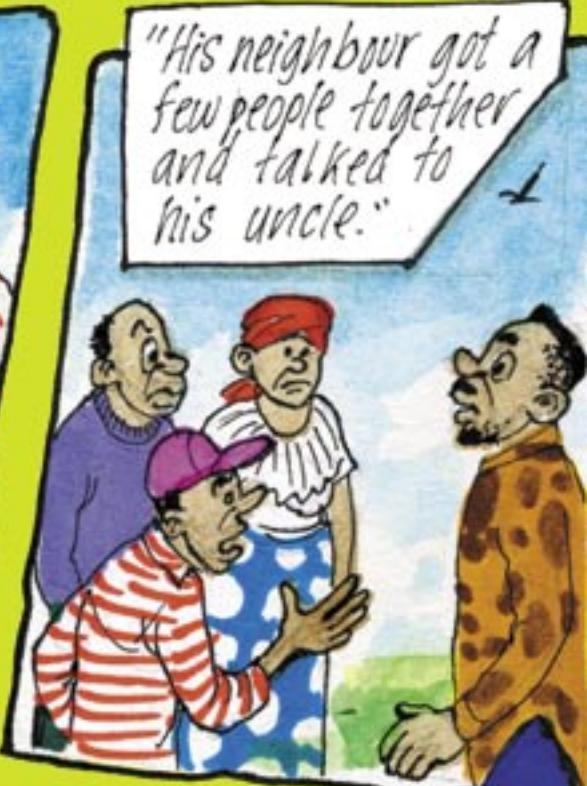


# What James did...

"James asked his neighbour for help."



"His neighbour got a few people together and talked to his uncle."



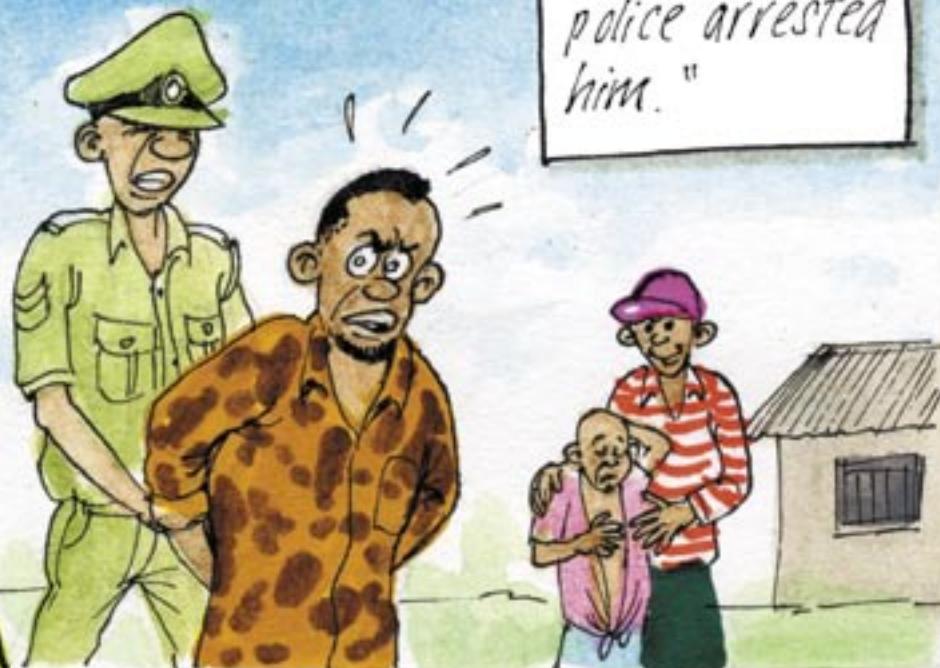
"But James's uncle refused to change."



"One day when he was beating James badly again, the neighbour called the LC leader..."



"...and the police arrested him."



"James is now living with his relatives and is back at school!"



Recently when children like you ar



and me were asked about violence...

I out of every 5  
girls said she was  
forced to have sex.

1 out of every 2  
children said they had  
been humiliated and  
shouted at in public as  
a form of punishment.

to you?



Violence against  
children is not right!

Something needs  
to be done to prevent  
it!



It is too  
much!

NOW!

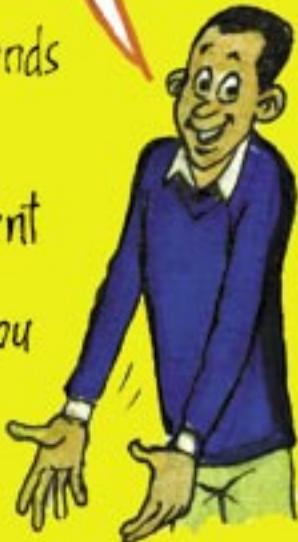
# What should be done to prevent Violence Against Children?

Here are some ideas for what you can do:

- You can learn about Violence Against Children and teach your friends about it.
- Discuss ideas suggested on next page.
- Seek help from an adult you trust.
- Help other children.
- Talk to local leaders and teachers about how you can help to prevent Violence Against Children.
- Write letters to the Headmaster, Probation Officer, newspapers or NGOs to tell them about cases of violence in your community or school.

# How to use this booklet?

- Get a group of your friends and read it together.
- Discuss how many different types and descriptions of Violence Against Children you can spot in the story.
- Discuss what the consequences are for children?
- Act out the different stories and practice what can be done when something like that happens to you or your friends.
- Write a short drama or a story about Violence Against Children and act it in your school or other places.



Did you know that many people including children are speaking out about Violence Against Children?



They are saying that it is too much. Something has to be done to prevent it!

Let us know what you think!  
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